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Applicant: CAMNHUNG T. TRAN

Serial No.: 10/050,406

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR
ENSURING ALIGNMENT OF CONNECTORS
TO A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD

Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: Minh N. Trinh

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, the Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following groups of inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121: (a) Group I, including Claims 1-15, drawn to an apparatus for aligning and soldering; and (b) Group II, including Claims 16-25, drawn to an assembly method for aligning and soldering. In response, Applicant elects without traverse Group I. An examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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While Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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